

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th October 2014

EI News Calling

Ei News is published on the first day every month and clubs are requested to submit details of their club activities and events well in advance of this date. Submissions to the Editor of EInews, Steve EI5DD on [wrights1 /at/ gmail.com](mailto:wrights1/at/gmail.com).

UKEICC 80m SSB Contest

The first SSB contest organised by the UK & Ireland Contest Club takes place on Wednesday 22nd October.

It's a one-hour 80m contest starting at 9pm local time. You can work anyone, and the exchange is your 4-character locator square, for example IO63, with points based on distance. SD by EI5DI will log and score your QSOs, and is free from ei5di.com.

Logs have to be uploaded within 1 hour of the end of the contest - by 11pm. For last month's CW contest, the results were published 15 minutes later, with four EI stations listed.

Please join in and enjoy the fun.

Hurdy Gurdy Museum and Science Week

The Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio will be participating in Science Week again this year. Check out the website at: bit.ly/1wbV0qE

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 27th November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Tuesday

11th November. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are now available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate. These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination

Dominica on 5MHz

The Dominica National Telecommunications Regulator has permitted Amateur operation on five 3 kHz-wide channels on 5 Mhz. This allocation is applicable to General and Advanced licensees only. These are - 5330.5, 5346.5, 5355.5, 5371.5 and 5403.5 kHz at 50W pep SSB www.ectel.int/images/Amateur-Radio-39-2012.pdf

Please note that the Dominica (J7) 5 MHz allocation should not be confused with the Dominican Republic (HI), which also has a 5 MHz allocation.

DX News

A 4-man team will operate from the Marquesas Islands from 18 – 26 October. The callsign will be TX7G and they will operate all bands 80 – 10m from a beach location. QSL info is via ClubLog OQRS or direct to N7SMI.

A Polish team will activate Christmas Island with the callsign VK9XSP until 31 October. They will use all bands 160 – 6m SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL info is via ClubLog OQRS or direct to SP6IXF.

A group of Spanish operators will sign CN2RY, CN2XX, CN2JR and CN2C from Morocco from 22 – 27 October. They will be active on HF using SSB, CW and RTTY.

Another group of Spaniards will be going a bit further afield to operate XX9R from Macao from 23 October – 1 November. This trip will take in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest on 25/26 October.

ATV Activity

Ronnie EI9ED reports that EI2SDR is sending pictures of Dublin Bay on frequency 2390 MHz from 3Rock. It is on test and orientated towards Dublin and Dundalk. Rx Input 1240 MHz will be available next with DTMF Control via 144.775.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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